

# Milan Opacich

## TAMBURITZA BUILDER



MILAN OPACICH dedicated his life to playing music, building instruments, and telling stories in his Serbo-Croatian community. For over fifty years, he built tambura, a class of fretted stringed instruments popular in South Slavic music. In his home workshop in Schererville, Indiana, he taught instrument making and created elaborate displays of photographs, instruments, and other memorabilia to help share his stories with others.

*A viola-shaped tamburitza prima  
made by Milan Opacich in  
Schererville, Indiana.*



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